

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM



## ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Part of St Gabriel the Archangel Multi Academy Trust

HILLCREST ROAD, DUDLEY, WEST MIDLANDS, DY2 7PW

Principal: Mrs S Chapman B.Ed Hons

Telephone: 01384 889424

[www.st-jo-dud.dudley.sch.uk](http://www.st-jo-dud.dudley.sch.uk)



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school,

I hope you all had an enjoyable, well rested and blessed summer holidays. Firstly, on behalf of all staff, a big thank you for all the gifts and cards that were received before the holidays, it was incredibly generous, and everyone was incredibly humbled and appreciated the gesture.

Here in Year 5, we endeavour to make it a learning journey that your child will never forget and one which will prepare each of them for the adventures of upper KS2. You can help your child along that path by hearing them read 10 minutes a day and/or using Readingplus on a regular basis. You can also help them to learn their spellings, times tables/Mathletics and complete homework.

PE kits need to stay in school all half-term. So, if you haven't yet, please send in a PE kit with your child as soon as possible. Homework must be returned latest Wednesday; it is essential homework is completed weekly.

Please also ensure spelling books are in every Monday. We are preparing children for Year 6 and KS3 so children will be expected to take responsibility of these resources.

As always, if there are any queries about anything, please do not hesitate to come and see myself or Mrs Philpott. We are always pleased to help in any way possible.

Warm regards,

Miss C. Lyttle

### What are we learning about?

This Term our topics are:

Maths: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction,

Statistics and Multiplication and division.

English: Traditional tales from other cultures

Science: Forces in action

RE: Creation

History: The Shang Dynasty

Geography: Extreme Earth

Art: Illusions

DT: Moving toys

Computing: IsaFe

PE: Swimming and Cricket

French: All about town

### Special days / Dates:

16<sup>th</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> November and 16<sup>th</sup> December -  
Year 5 Mass

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Class Assembly

Year 5 Prayer Partner Gathering to Year 2- w/c 7<sup>th</sup>  
October

Maths Workshop- 1<sup>st</sup> October

Mondays: Spelling Test

Wednesdays: Homework

Wednesdays- PE

Tuesdays: Guitar lesson - Please remember Guitars

Thursdays: Swimming

Fridays: Homework sent out

### The class charity we have chosen to support

Save the children UK

<p><u>Values for Autumn Term:</u></p> <p>Eloquent and Truthful– before half term</p> <p>Eloquent: Speaking clearly to share the Gospel and support each other.</p> <p>Truthful: Being honest and truthful in all we say and do.</p> <p>Learned and Wise– after half term</p> <p>Learned: Taking time to consider the Gospel and learn from Jesus’ teachings.</p> <p>Wise: Thinking carefully and making good choices.</p>	<p><u>Children as leaders</u></p> <p>In Year 5 class the children have the opportunity to be: Creation Guardians, on the School Council, a Mini Vinnie, part of the School Mission team, Digital leaders and prayer leaders.</p> <p>Plus lots of children will have individual responsibilities in and around the classroom and school.</p>
<p><u>Catholic Social Teaching &amp; British Values</u></p> <p>Throughout the curriculum and beyond children learn about the 7 principles of Catholic Social Teaching - Working in Solidarity, Care for Creation, Community &amp; Participation, Dignity of Workers, Help for the Poor &amp; Vulnerable, Human Dignity &amp; Solidarity and how they link to British Values – Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Respect &amp; Tolerance.</p>	<p><u>St Joseph’s Way – See our website for more details</u></p> <p>At St. Joseph’s we develop children’s character through the ‘St. Joseph’s Way’ curriculum. In order to build character, we define the behaviours and habits that we expect students to demonstrate. We want to support our pupils to grow into adults who are polite, respectful, grateful and who put others before themselves. We believe that, as pupils practise these behaviours over time, they become habits that positively shape how they feel about themselves and how other people perceive them. As philosopher Will Durant states, “We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.” (1926)</p>